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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

32 October 4, 2011

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR TRAFFIC DESIGN SERVICES FOR
VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECTS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute the consultant services agreements with the eight firms on the select list of approved consultants to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates and to provide construction assistance services for traffic signal design projects. Authorize the Director to establish the effective date following Board approval. The consultant services agreements, to be negotiated based on a specific scope of services will not exceed \$400,000 each for an aggregate total of no more than \$3,200,000 and will be financed with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute the traffic design consultant services agreements with the eight firms on the select list of approved consultants for traffic signal design projects for a fee not to exceed \$400,000 for an aggregate total of \$3,200,000 maximum to be financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works to award and execute the consultant services agreements with traffic design consultants to perform engineering design services for the Department of Public Works (Public Works). The use of these consultants will enable our Traffic and Lighting Division to better manage fluctuations in the workload and thereby provide responsive services to our clients.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by securing sufficient staffing resources to ensure an efficient, effective, and goal oriented project delivery system.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Each consultant services agreement will be for a negotiated fee not to exceed \$400,000 with each firm on Public Works' select list of qualified consultants to provide traffic design services for an aggregate total of no more than \$3,200,000. This amount represents the maximum cost Public Works anticipates for these services for each contract. Should any of these negotiated contracts exceed \$400,000, Public Works will return to your Board for approval of the specific contract(s).

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) will reimburse Public Works approximately 70 to 80 percent, varying by grant, of the cost of these services under the LACMTA Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant program. On an annual basis, your Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot allocation from the County's Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget to be used as a match for these LACMTA grants. The County's share will be funded from this top-of-pot allocation. The consultant services agreements are included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute the consultant services agreements from a developed select list for traffic signal design projects with each of the following firms: KOA Corporation; Advantec Consulting Engineers; Iteris, Inc.; RBF Consulting; FPL and Associates, Inc.; Transportation & Energy Solutions; Albert Grover & Associates; and VA Consulting. The term of the select list will be valid for 3 years. When construction documents and jurisdictional approvals are completed, Public Works will return to your Board to adopt plans, specifications, and advertise for bids to construct the projects. The recommended consultant services agreements will provide design and construction support services for traffic engineering projects in support of Public Works' Traffic Signal Synchronization Program. Public Works has successfully used consulting firms to perform design work of a similar nature on other projects.

Award of the agreements will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The agreements contain terms

and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including, but not limited to the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) and General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Programs, Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the agreements is not a project subject to the provision of the California Environmental Quality Act because it can be seen with certainty that this action will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment in accordance with Public Resources Code section 21065.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On January 20, 2011, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal to 49 firms to develop a select list of qualified consultants to provide traffic design services, and 18 firms submitted proposals for review and evaluation. As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, the Requests for Proposal to develop the select list of qualified consultants was posted on the County's website, Doing Business with Us. Enclosed is a copy of the website posting for your reference.

An evaluation committee consisting of staff from Public Works evaluated the proposals. These evaluations were based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of these proposals, the committee developed a select list of eight qualified firms.

As stated in the Request for Proposals, Public Works shall select consultants from the select list of qualified consultants for projects in order of established evaluation ranking.

Participation by Community Business Enterprise (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith effort to utilize CBEs. KOA Corporation; Advantec Consulting Engineers; Iteris, Inc.; RBF Consulting; FPL and Associates, Inc.; Transportation & Energy Solutions; Albert Grover & Associates; and VA Consulting are aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended agreements, as these agreements are for non Proposition A services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

By hiring consultants to perform these specific engineering services, we can align Public Works' staff with the performance of routine traffic services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel (Paul T. Hanson)
Executive Office
Department of Public Social Services
(GAIN/GROW Program)

Bid Detail Information

Bid Number : AEDTDS0120
Bid Title : TRAFFIC DESIGN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT OF SELECT LIST
Bid Type : Service
Department : Public Works
Commodity : CONSULTING SERVICES - TRAFFIC
Open Date : 1/20/2011
Closing Date : 2/10/2011 2:00 PM
Bid Amount : \$ 0.00
Bid Download : Not Available
Bid Description : The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works (DPW) is inviting proposals from qualified firms to provide design services for a variety of traffic engineering projects.

The objective of this solicitation is to assemble a list of up to eight of the most qualified firms that demonstrate the highest level of experience and capability to provide the requested services. The initial list will be valid for three (3) years, or until the contract funds expire. At the County's option and with written mutual agreement, the agreement may be extended for two additional one-year terms.

Proposal deadline is 02/10/2011, no later than 2:00 p.m.

All interested proposers please e-mail the person below and the RFP will be emailed back to you.
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